GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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MALPRACTICES AT PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news item captioned `99 feesadi petrol pumpon per thage ja rahe hain upbhokta` appearing in the daily `Dainik Jagran`, New Delhi, dated December 22, 1999.

(b) If so, the measures taken by the Government to check malpractices by petrol pump dealers especially on holidays; and

(c). The further action taken by the Government against the guilty petrol pump owners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a) to (c) :- The Government is aware of the news item referred to in the Question. Oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to control various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. To prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (PDS), furfural doping, filter paper test, stock reconciliation, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc. are taken by oil companies.
Stringent action has been taken which includes cancellation of licences/suspension of supplies by Oil Companies; depending upon the gravity of the case. .....